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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FRENCH VIEWS ON TRAVEL OF IENG SARY,
CAMBODIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

1. IENG SARY CAME TO PARIS SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER AND IS SPENDING A FEW DAYS IN FRANCE BEFORE RETURNING TO PHNOM PENH. LE MONDE COMMENTED THAT HIS VISIT CAN BE INTERPRETED AS A SPECIAL GESTURE TO FRANCE. THE QUAI TOLD LE MONDE (AND US) THAT GOF HAD FACILITATED THE MATERIAL ASPECTS OF HIS TRAVEL, BUT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO POLITICAL CONTACTS WITH HIM BECAUSE THERE WERE NO RELATIONS WITH PHNOM PENH. THE QUAI TOLD US THAT NO ONE FROM THE QUAI PROTOCOL WOULD EVEN BE AT THE AIR PORTS FOR ANY OF HIS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES. SOURCE ADDED THAT IF IT WERE SIHANOUK OR PENN NOUTH, THE FRENCH ATTITUDE WOULD PERHAPS BE DIFFERENT, BUT THAT THERE WAS STILL SUFFICIENT FRENCH RESENTMENT TO REINFORCE THE NORMAL REACTION OF AVOIDING POLITICAL CONTACTS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS WITH WHICH ONE DOES NOT HAVE RELATIONS.

2. FRENCH DO NOT KNOW WHO WILL BE THE CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGULAR UNGA SESSION, BUT THEY HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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